

HISTORY - - 58TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL

On 17 January 1955 the 58th Evacuation Hospital was activated, strength nine (9) officers, two (2) Warrant Officer, two hundred twenty-two (222) enlisted men, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Francis W. Lanard, MC.

Although the weather continued cold and snowy throughout January and February, the usual unit activities prevailed and even with roads to the towns of Idar-Oberstein closed by snow several times, the morale of the men remained high.

Interest in the directives issued by the Army concerning early release for the men scheduled to leave late in the summer was evinced by all. The information channels of the unit were particularly trained on clearing the air of any confusion arising from the many rumors voiced about. This objective was accomplished. During January eleven (11) Enlisted Men were promoted to Corporal, one (1) enlisted man to PFC and one (1) PFC was reduced to PVT-2.

It was during the month of February that the big push was made; an effort to convince these men in the unit with AAI scores below ninety (90) of the benefit to be derived from lifting their scores. All enlisted men with low AAI scores realized the advantage to be gained and took the tests, given under the guidance of CWO Chesley, in a room set aside for this purpose at the Pest Education Center. The amazing and wonderful result was the lifting of the scores of all but two (2) men, some by more than twenty (20) points. Many of these men no longer find themselves in the "under 90 group" and have found that they are now eligible for schools and training that will benefit them while making them even more valuable to the Army.

During February two (2) enlisted men were promoted to Corporal and seven (7) enlisted men were promoted to PFC. One (1) PFC was reduced to PVT-2.

Due to the condition of the roads, brought about by the adverse weather, the meter pool logged but 7825 miles. There were no accidents.

The weather at the start of March did not give much encouragement as to the type of weather we could expect for field problems coming up, especially the CPX that was to be taken during this particular month. As it turned out we were right, when this unit did proceed to its destination for the CPX, it was greeted by a sea of mud and a wall of rain.

The 20th of March, twenty-six (26) EM and four (4) officers motored to vicinity of Steinfurth, MA 833846, arriving at 1400 hours. The rest of the day was spent in setting up the tents and in preparing for the function we were to fulfill. The sixth day away from the home station the men returned. All considered CPX "Sting-Ray" a success in that it fulfilled the purpose for which it was called.

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During March the GMI team visited this unit. Ratings ranged from Superior to Unsatisfactory. Ammunition, Medical, Signal and Supply Economy attained the coveted rating of Superior. The motor section received an Unsatisfactory rating but have since been reinspected by the 48th Ordnance Team, Baumholder Sub-Area, Baumholder and attained a rating of Very Satisfactory. Two (2) EM reenlisted during the month of March, both for six (6) years. One US Corporal extended for one year.

Seven (7) privates received their PFC stripes in March. There were no reductions. Even with all the preventive measures taken, such as lectures, movies, after duty recreation and preventive treatment, one man contracted VD.

The two (2) bowling teams representing the unit found a little rough sledding during the past month. Because of the experience and capabilities of the team members, we have little doubt but that they will be back in the thick of things soon.

Motor Pool again increased their total mileage, logging better than 3,000 miles more than the February total. They continued their fine record of no accidents.

Assigned during April were 1st Lt Helen Gallena, ANC and M/Sgt Patrick E. Pettingill. 1st Lt Florence V. Ranberg, ANC, was transferred.

During this month, the announced reduction of the Armed Forces began to be felt in our unit. Although this reduction is not to take place for some time, but is to be gradual, we lost sixty-three (63) men while gaining but twenty-one (21). This was brought about through the early rotation plan for these EM with rotation dates in June and July.

On the 18th of this month six (6) officers and one hundred and seventy-one (171) EM departed for FTX at 0600 hours. Arrived at MV 253998 at approximately 1030 hours this date. After a week in the clear fresh air of the German Countryside, during which time the weather remained cool and dry, we motored back to the Strassburg Kaserne, arriving there at 2330 hours on the 22nd of April. The problem was a success.

One (1) promotion to SFC, two (2) promotions to Cpl were made this month along with the promotion of seven (7) privates to PFC. SFC Christy upped during this period for another tour of three (3) years. There was one reduction in grade from Cpl to Pfc.

The 30th day of April was a sad one for the members of the bowling team. After clinching the first league crown and finishing third in the second league race the men of the 58th Evac Bowling team succumbed to a red hot kaserne team and finished on the short end of the playoff for the post championship. There were no accidents during period covered by this report by the motor pool. Total miles logged was 15,767.

8th Evacuation Hospital is CONSTITUTED, ALLOTTED to the Regular Army and Panama Canal Department - AG 320.2.10 Dec 1935. Will be ACTIVATED at Cp Carson, Colo. attached to Third Army - AG 320.2 (18 Apr 42) MR-W-GN, 29 Apr 42. Effective 25 July 1942 - GO 54, Third Army, 23 May 1942. Assigned to Third Army - Assignment List, AGF 320.2/101 (C) GNOPN (1 Jun 42), 1 Jun 1942. 8th Evacuation Hospital is REDESIGNATED 58th Evacuation Hospital - AG 320.2 (3 Aug 42) MR-M-GN, 8 Aug 1942. Re-designated - GO 33, Cp Carson, Colo., 14 Aug 1942. REORGANIZED as (Motorized) under T/O 8-581, 1942 - AG 320.2 (11 Sep 42) MR-M-GN, 13 Sep 1942. Effective 23 Sep 1942 - Ltr AG 320.2 Med GNMCA, 30 Sep 1942. FOR UNIT HISTORY SEE: History of 58th Evacuation Hospital, AG 421.7 (2 Oct 42) ed Ind, 2 Nov 1942, 58th Evacuation Hospital (Motorized) is REDESIGNATED 58th Evacuation Hospital, Semimobile - T/O 8-581, 1943. WILL TRANSFER on permanent change of station from Cp Carson, Colo. to Desert Training Center, assigned to Desert Training Center - AG 370.5/63 (Med)(R) GNGCT (7 Apr 43). 9 Apr 1943. WILL TRANSFER from Desert Training Center, Cp Young. to San Francisco Port of Embarkation (Staging: Cp Stockman Calif) enroute to permanent oversea station, Shipment No. 1040-BB - MO 370.5 (12 Jun 43) OB-S-E-M, 13 Jun 1943 TRANSFERRED from Brisbane, Australia to Milne Bay, New Guinea, effective 15 Oct 1943 - MO 574, US Army Forces, Far East, 25 Sep 1943. REORGANIZED as (400 Patients) under TOE 8-581, 1944, effective 24 Jun 1944 - AG 320.2 (31 Jul 43) PE-A-M-C, 20 Aug 1943-CM IN 10684, US Army Forces Far East, 13 Jul 1944. REORGANIZED under TOE 8-581, 1944, WD Cir 201, 1944, assigned to Southwest Pacific Area - AG 322 (16 Dec 44) OB-I-GNGCT-M, 20 Dec 1944. Effective 3 Feb 1945 - CM-IN 19749, US Army Forces, Far East, 19 Feb 1945 (30 Feb 45). Movement dates from 17 Aug 1943 to 15 Nov 1945 - Comment No. 4, Chief Photo Process Section, AGO, 29 Oct 1948. 58th Evacuation Hospital will be INACTIVATED - CM-OUT 17338, 31 Oct 1945. Effective 15 Nov 1945 in Tokyo, Japan - CM-IN 8563, US Army Forces, Pacific, 24 Nov 1945. Also see ltr, Eighth Army, 7 Nov 1945. 58th Evacuation Hospital, Semimobile is REDESIGNATED 58th Evacuation Hospital (Semimobile)(400 Patients), Assigned to US Army, Europe, will be ACTIVATED under TOE 8-581A, 1953, Ch 1, effective 17 Jan 1955 - AGAO-I (M) 322 RA Units (4 Nov 54) G1, 23 Nov 1954. Confirmed - GO 213, US Army, Europe, 8 Dec 1954. TELETYPE COPY OF 58th Evacuation Hospital FURNISHED TO: 58th Evacuation Hospital _____

STATIONS	FROM	TO	REMARKS	COMBAT PERIOD	CAMPAIGN AND HONORS	SUTHORITY
Cp Carson, Colo. (P)	25 Jul 42	12 May 43		WORLD WAR II		
Desert Tng Cbr, Calif (P)	15 May 43	17 Aug 43		15Dec43-27Nov44	Bismark-Archipelago	WD GO 12, 1944
Cp Stoheman, Calif (T)	18 Aug 43	22 Aug 43	Staging	24Jan43-31Dec44	New Guinea	WD GO 12, 1944
SFPOE (MATSRIA)	23 Aug 43	7 Sep 43	Ship #1040-BB	27Feb45-4 Jul45	Southern Philippines	DA GO 29, 1948
Australia (P)	7 Sep 43	5 Oct 43		17Oct44- 1Jul45	Leyte	DA GO 29, 1948
New Guinea (P)	18 Oct 43	13 Mar 44				
Los Negros Islands (P)	16 Mar 44	7 Oct 44		17Oct44- 1Jul45	Philippine Presidential	DA GO 47, 1950
Philippine Islands (P)	20 Oct 44	29 Aug 45			Unit Citation	
POE (USS HYDE)	29 Aug 45	8 Sep 45				
Japan (P)	8 Sep 45	15 Nov 45	INACTIVATED			
Germany (P)	17 Jan 55					
